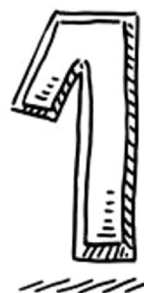




# SOUTHGATE past and present (Volume 178)





## Cover Picture

The letterbox seems almost an icon, a symbol of the past where we sent cards and letters and there were multiple collections. This one has a once daily collection at 9.00am and no weekend collection

There are many books available about Southgate and I have begged and borrowed pictures and information from many of these, plus having lived here for many years I have accumulated many of my own shots. I thought it would be of interest to other folk if I put them together in a few volumes. (You may notice this is volume 178 so there are a few previous ones) This volume does not have tons of historical facts (there are numerous books with this information) this one just contains photos. As some of the photos here may require permission to be used if these book were to be published in the traditional manner, I will therefore limit it to showing it non-commercially to friends etc. I do hope you enjoy the contents and see the comparisons where the old and new photos are from similar viewpoints. I have attempted to divide them into different areas so one can see the changes over the years and I feel sure they will change much more. A living environment does change and we often view the way it was, as being wonderful, but realistically, roads were far less busy in bygone days, and the whole dynamic has changed so maybe we should put our prejudices to one side and now enjoy the parks, the leisure center and coffee houses, restaurants etc. The content here is not in any specific order and possibly on the following pages you will see a photo that you have never seen and find fascinating.....I think these volumes will show you how I loathe Southgate, how I live Southgate but most importantly how I love Southgate.. It is real...Anyway I hope this volume will be enjoyed.

Ralph K...November 2024

This is Volume

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THIS FIRST SECTION IS SOUTHGATE ROUNDABOUT  
(Known originally as Southgate Circus)

1930



94 years later (Nov '24)



Before bushes  
were removed





This shop, Turner's Haberdashery, was opposite the site of the present tube station

Southgate Circus-(The Broadway) in 1930



7 Jul 2011

A councillor has called for "stupid" plans to uproot plants and trees on a Southgate roundabout to be abandoned.

Enfield Council workmen were planning to start leveling the roundabout outside Southgate Tube station, but were ordered to postpone it at the last minute.

Councillor Martin Prescott, (Cons, Winchmore Hill) who spotted the workmen from his office window and got a "stay of execution" for the shrubs on Tuesday evening, has been distributing leaflets calling for the council to ditch its plans.

He said: "I was wondering what the workmen were doing so I phoned up the council and found they were about to level the whole thing.

"I got a stay of execution and stood outside the station giving out leaflets and trying to engage everyone I could in conversation.

"Most people were asking why they didn't use the money to fix the potholes, and they were saying it's absolutely bonkers."

The work is understood to be part of a wider project to restore Southgate town centre to how it appeared in the 1930s.

It is a conservation project that was signed off under the previous Tory administration, by Councillor Terry Neville (Cons, Grange), but is now being implemented under the current Labour administration.

Cllr Prescott urged concerned residents to bombard a council officer and environment chief Cllr Chris Bond with objections to try to stop it going ahead.

But it has transpired the project is being overseen by regeneration cabinet member Cllr Del Goddard, who is believed to be deciding today whether to press ahead with the plans for the roundabout.

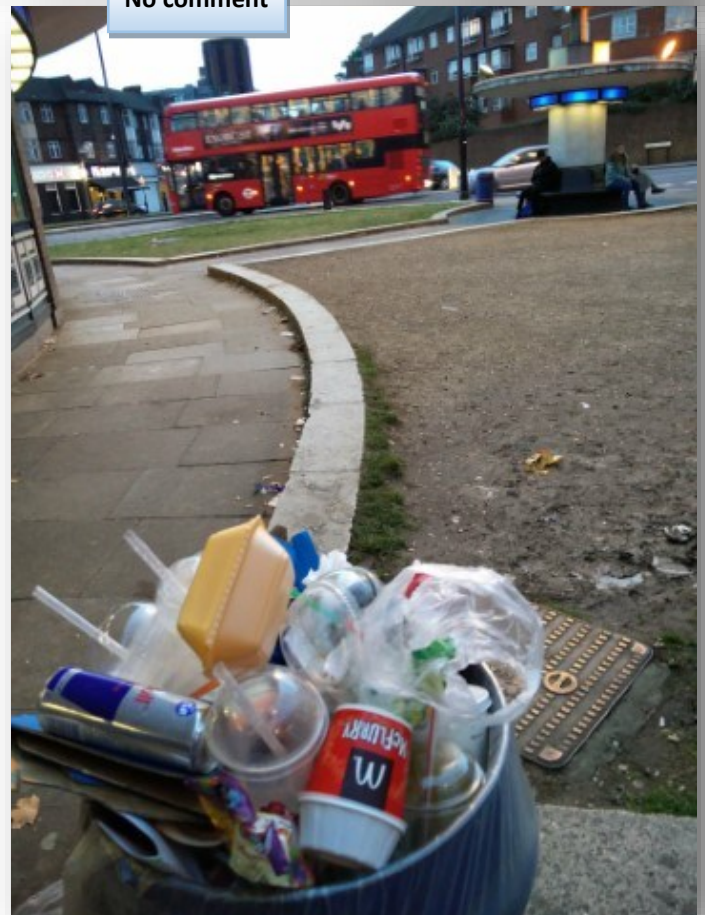
More shots of Southgate Circus (Roundabout)



Southgate Station Site



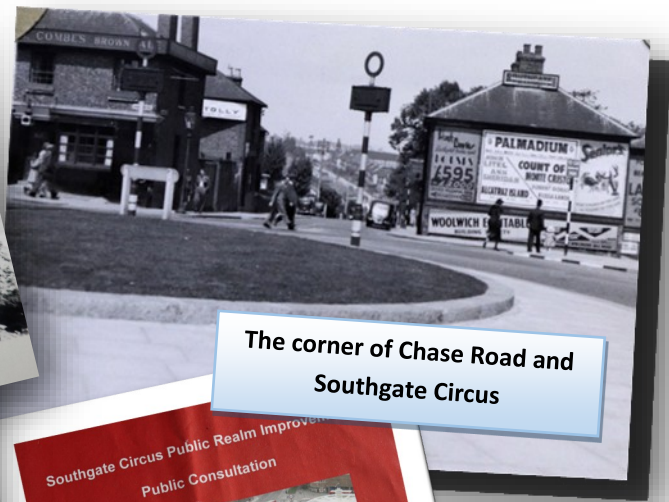
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Work on Southgate Circus



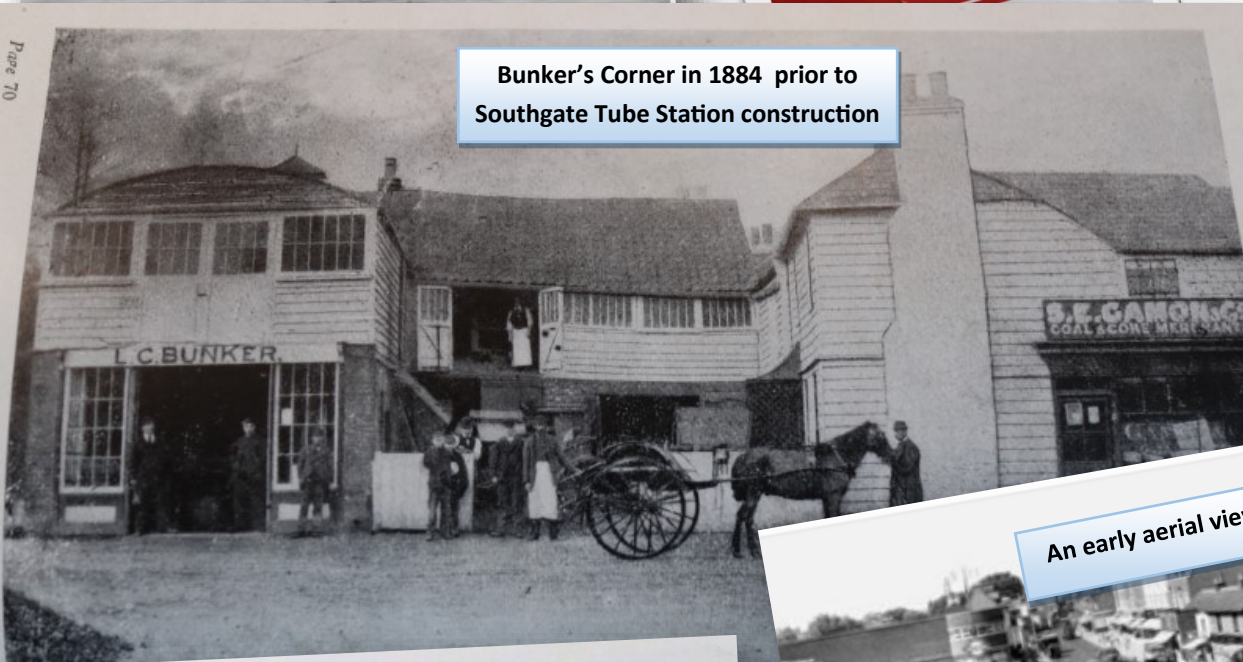
The corner of Chase Road and Southgate Circus



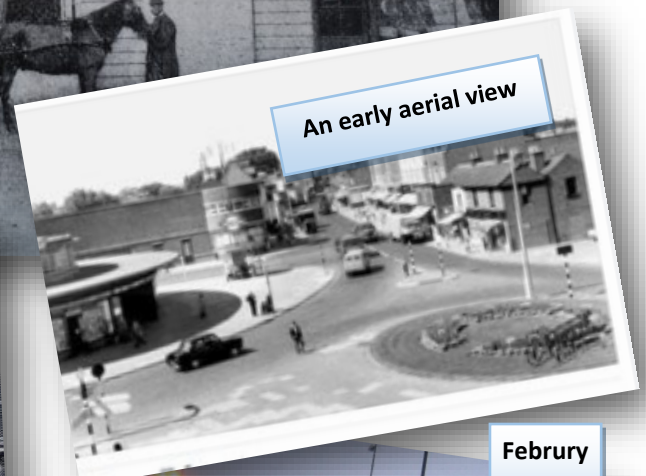
The site for Southgate Tube Station



Southgate Circus improvement consultation flyer



Bunker's Corner in 1884 prior to Southgate Tube Station construction



An early aerial view



Note the seating on the roundabout



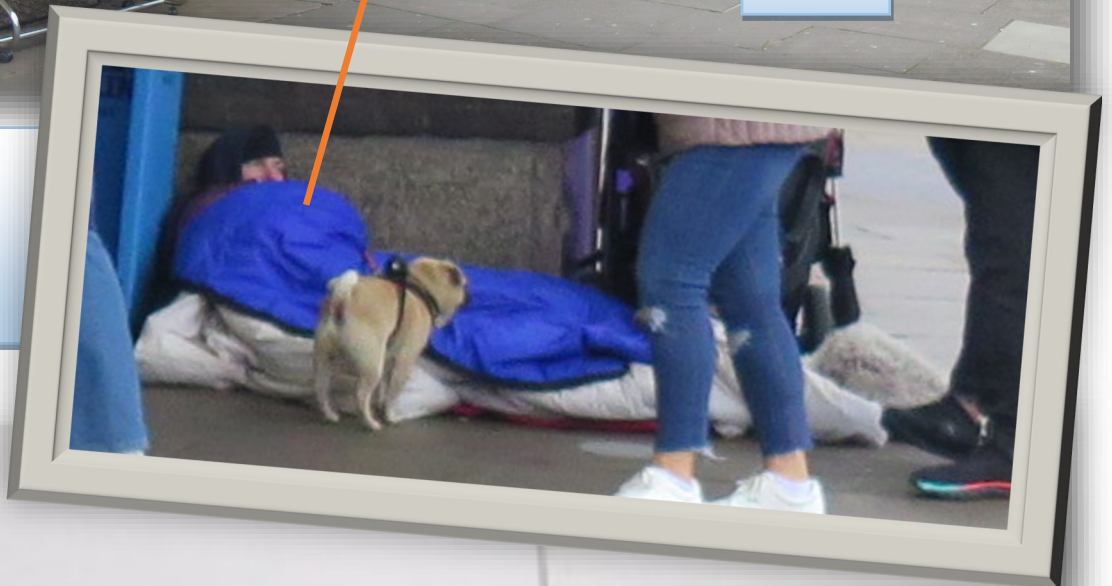
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She often  
sleeps here as  
people walk  
past without  
displaying any



1938





1930

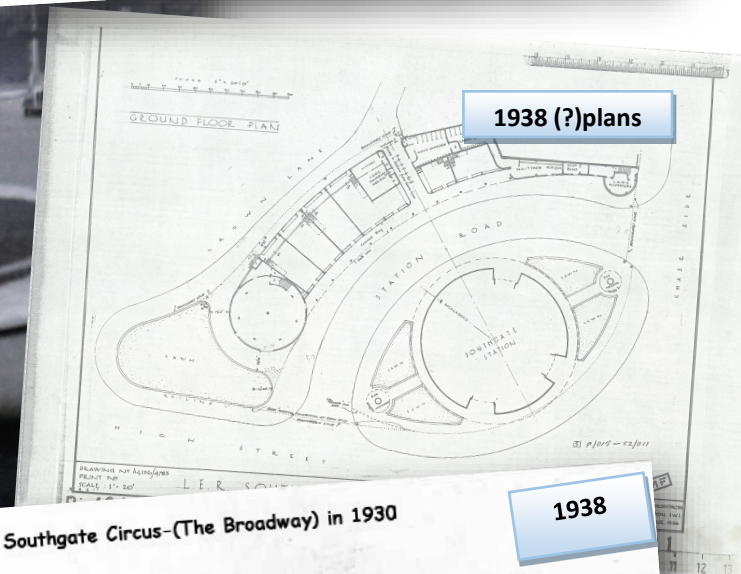


July 2011

**Southgate Circus, London N14**  
 Southgate Circus as seen from the north side of Chase Side. This junction was originally called Fiveways because five routes met there. In the 1960s the small roundabout was removed, a pub and several other buildings were demolished to the left outside this image and an ugly 1960s office block with a Wimpy Bar on the corner was erected at the same time as the "circus" roundabout was created. Interestingly, the Edward VIII pillar box which is now in Winchmore Hill Road was originally on the roundabout - a sign of the volume of traffic in those days perhaps (1930s).



1938



1938 (?) plans



August 2022

Southgate Circus-(The Broadway) in 1930

1938



The wall on the right surrounds The Grange, Shops replaced the house in the background. The roundabout replaced the fir trees



1922





THIS SECTION IS SOUTHGATE UNDERGROUND STATION



**S**outhgate Tube station is being temporarily renamed Gareth Southgate station from this morning in honour of the England manager.

Transport for London (TfL) announced it is changing the Piccadilly line stop's name for 48 hours to commemorate England's unexpectedly successful World Cup campaign.

The signage on the platforms, ticket hall and outside of the Grade II listed station are all being changed to reflect its temporary re-christening.

2023..90th anniversary of Southgate tube station



Nov 2024



Exploring tunnels that were normally closed to the public



The original escalators







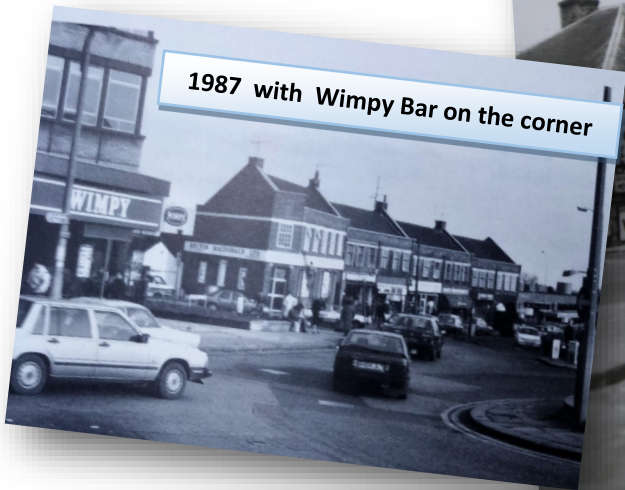
Same viewpoint  
but showing the  
house on the  
corner of The  
Bourne

The Bell

The corner of Chase Side and Winchmore Hill Road



1987 with Wimpy Bar on the corner



1938



Nov. 2024



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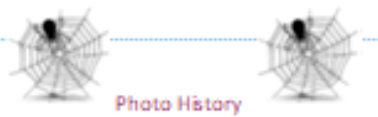


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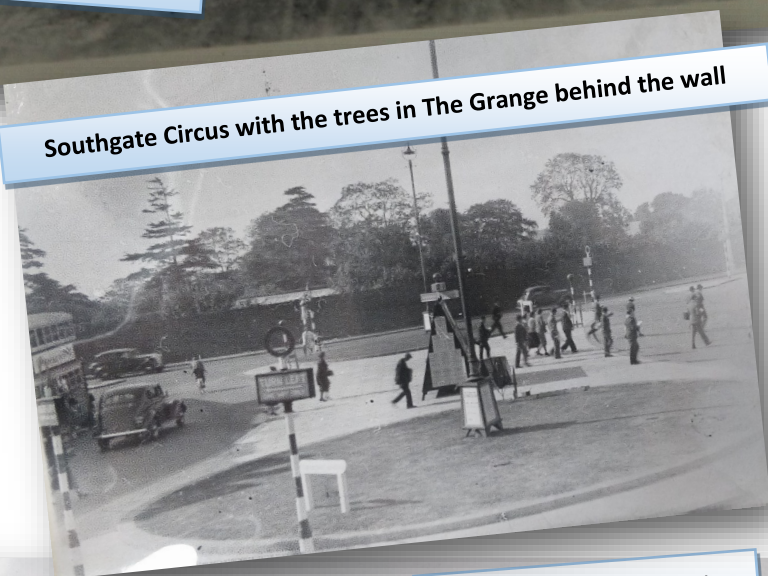
Before the tube station was built



Evening Standard feature on Southgate



Southgate Circus with the trees in The Grange behind the wall



Immediately post-war





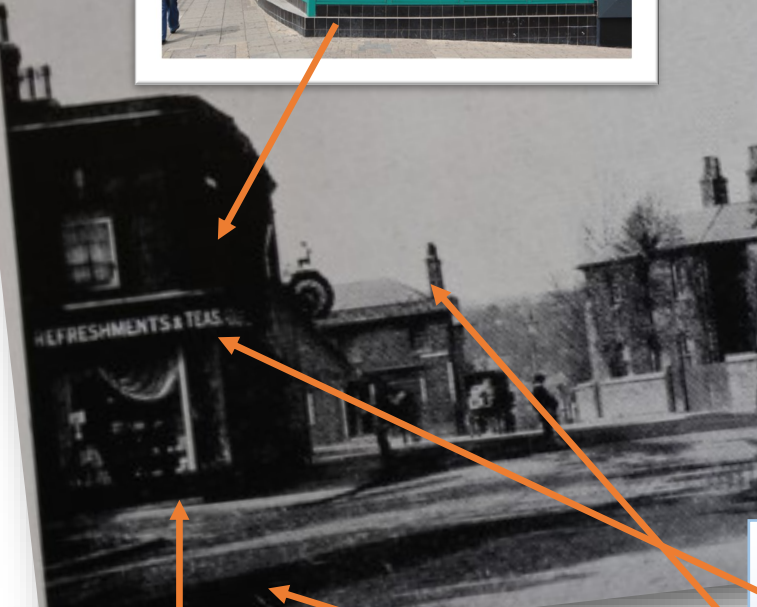


Southgate Street Cleaning—  
The new economy cost cutting

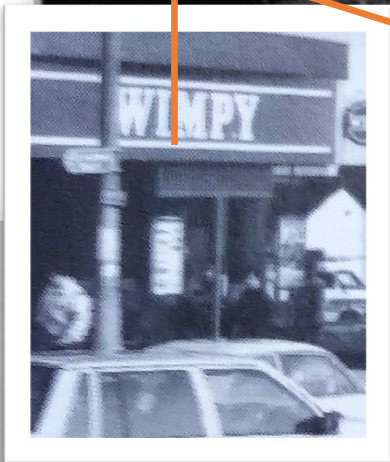




# CHANGES OVER THE YEARS



This photo needs a good deal of imagination. The 'refreshments & Teas' shop is where the tube is now. This guy sitting on the fence with the trees behind him is where the roundabout is now. This is the Bell pub , later replaced by the Wimpy Bar and now a betting shop



Around 1875







THIS SECTION IIS BY THE STATION (Outside Nandos) where volunteers , including myself, and Palmers Green High School , planted bushes and in November 2024



Palmers Green pupils ready to 'do' the planting



One wonders how we could accept it deteriorating like this



Site preparation

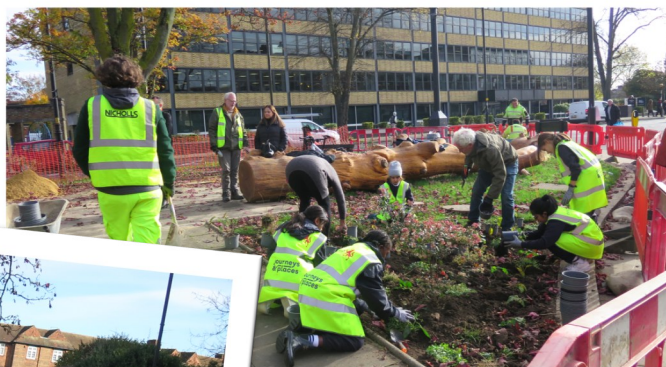
Preparations for the Pocket Park in Nov '24





The safety briefing

The proud wonderful 'planters'



Presentation of the certificates

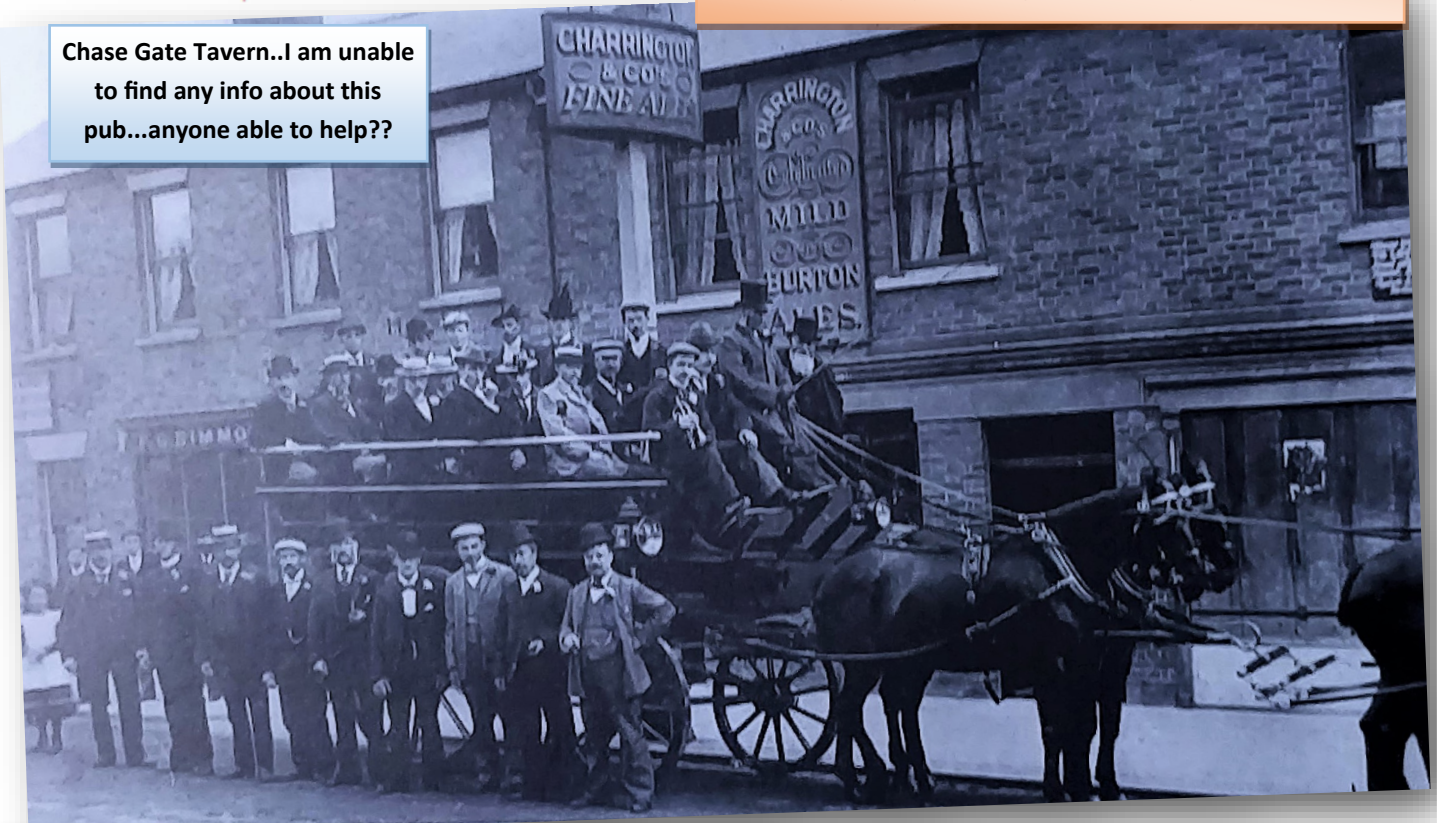






THIS SECTION IS SOUTHGATE PUBS (Some sadly gone and some changed beyond recognitions as the photos will show)

Chase Gate Tavern..I am unable to find any info about this pub...anyone able to help??

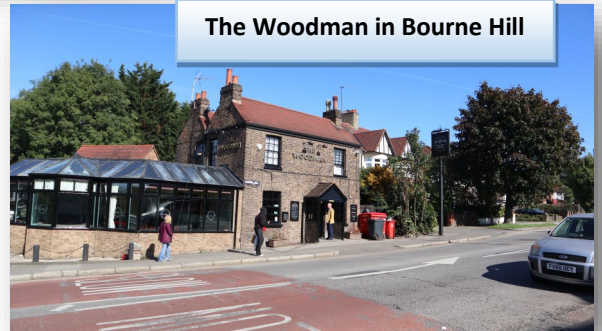


..Ok, it's not strictly relevant but is so typical of the period



Drawn by G. S. P. Engraved by J. S. P.  
A MAN LOADED with MISCHIEF, or MATRIMONY  
A Monkey, a Mugpie, and Wife; Is the true Emblem of Strife.

The Woodman in Bourne Hill



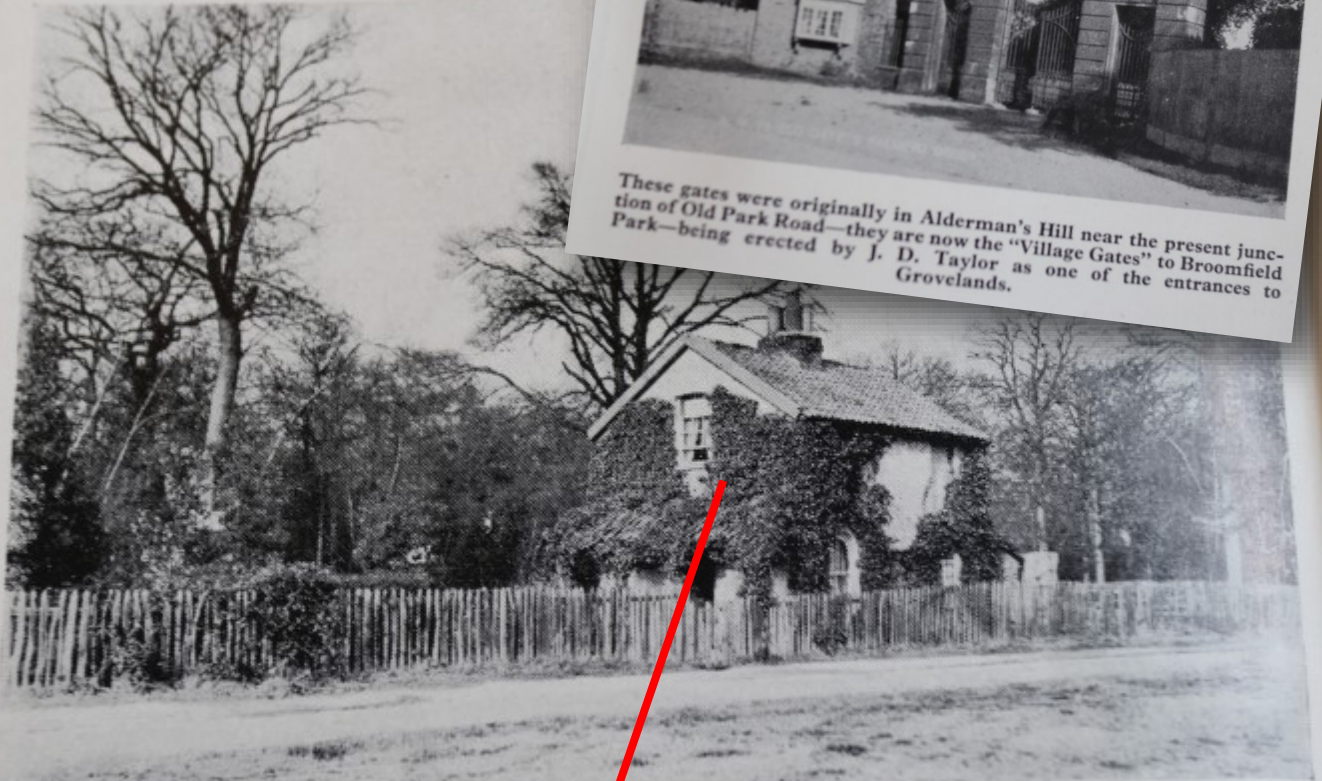
It's hard to believe that this is also The Woodman



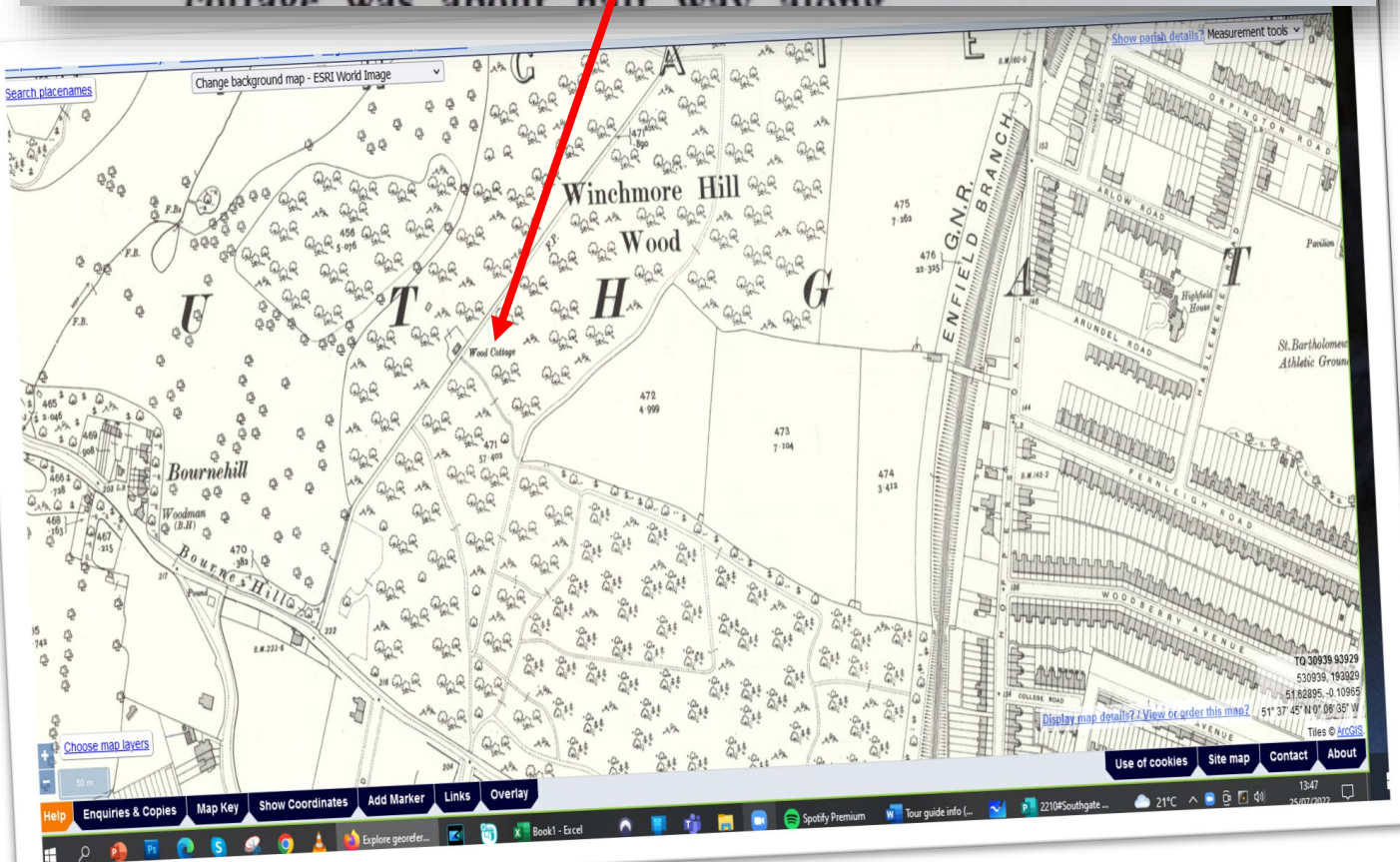




These gates were originally in Alderman's Hill near the present junction of Old Park Road—they are now the "Village Gates" to Broomfield Park—being erected by J. D. Taylor as one of the entrances to Grovelands.



Winchmore Hill woods had a delightful footpath by which one could walk from Bourne Hill to Winchmore Hill's green. This keeper's cottage was about half way along







Site preparation and planting the new Water Garden in Chase Side



Once established, the water gardens will enhance the appearance of Chase Side and also assist in flood prevention





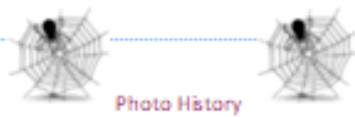


Photo History

THIS SECTION IS ASHFIELD PARADE NEXT TO SOUTHGATE UNDERGROUND STATION

In 1993 I wanted to open my Deli Diner in Ashfield Parade but was refused permission. I therefore produced a 'snapshot' of Southgate showing its decline very graphically, (see sepia shots that follow) Empty shops and charity shops galore. Anyway my fight succeeded and I opened after a long fight.



1993

HOUSE OF COMMONS  
LONDON SW1A 0AA

10th August 1993

Restaurant fliers

Dear Mr Kley

You wrote to Mr Portillo on 10th July enclosing a copy of the letter which you had sent to the planning department. As you know he has taken up your case with Councillor Adams as well as with Mr Martin Jewell, the Borough Planning officer in Enfield.

Mr Portillo is away on holiday this week but Councillor Adams has written to confirm that planning permission has been granted to you for your retail shop and eating establishment in Ashfield Parade.

I am enclosing the letter from Councillor Adams and I will let Mr Portillo have sight of this on his return. He will be very glad to know that you have permission to open your shop and will wish you every success.

Your sincerely

*Chas*

## DELI DINE-IN AND TAKE-AWAY GREAT NEWS!

Everyone's talking about it:

**RALPH & CO**

**SOUTHGATE'S in-place to eat in**

for **BREAKFASTS - LUNCHES -  
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Large variety of freshly made delicatessen

**SELECTION OF  
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FROM  
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MAIN MEALS**

**OPENING HOURS:**  
Tues - Thurs 9am-10pm  
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**FREE  
OFFER**  
Try our celebrated  
home-made profiteroles  
with chocolate sauce  
FREE with every main meal  
Offer ends 31.3.94

**23 ASHFIELD PARADE  
SOUTHGATE N14 (near Tube Stn)  
447-8976**

**SPECIAL  
CHILDREN'S  
MENU**  
All meals include  
a Party  
Bag



## Deli Dining In Style

### SOUTHGATES NEW DELI DELIGHT

LIKE so many successful restaurateurs, if Ralph Kley did not run a restaurant, you would not be surprised to find him pursuing a career in show business. And why not, when showmanship is as much a part of running a good restaurant as serving reasonably priced, delicious food in comfortable surroundings. That's why a visit to the spacious RALPH & CO, at the heart of Southgate's Ashfield Parade, is such a great value. Not only will you find food just like the chances are you will pick up a joke or two, either from Ralph or one of the many printed versions which adorn the walls of Southgate's 'deli-dine-in'. More than 30 years' experience in the catering business, culminating in a no calories banned, fast fooding mission to New York, led to the opening of Ralph & Co where, with wife Lynne and the rest of the crew, Ralph indulges his passion for great tasting food. "We chose New York for our first home of deli," says Ralph. And the influence is plain to see in both the food and the take-away menus. Jewish-style gefilte fish, cholent, latkes, chopped liver and lockshen pudding can all be found on the menu, alongside the more familiar Scottish salmon, continental salamis and smoked salmon and strudel. new green cucumbers, the finest smoked cooked meats, freshly fried fish and great yoghurt shakes.

**Breakfast**  
The New York influence can also be seen in the American style breakfast menu which includes family favourites such as pancakes with maple syrup and hash browns. And for the more conservative, there's also a good old fashioned English breakfast. Prices are also unbeatable, whether you're eating in, taking something away, or a special occasion at home, in the office or a venue of your choice. There's a wonderful selection of party plat-

**Mouthwatering array from Ralph and Co.**

**RALPH & CO**  
What does the smart housewife make for dinner?  
Reservations at **RALPH & CO**  
There's not much point in slaving over a hot stove when there's a more convenient and relaxed way of enjoying your evening meal. Where good food is guaranteed every time. Where the hands that do dishes are ours, not yours. And where the meal is equally easy on the wallet.

**NOW SOUTHGATE HAS A CHOICE SIX DAYS A WEEK!**  
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner and all those in between times too.

**23 Ashfield Parade  
Southgate, London N14 5EH  
TEL: 081-447 8976**

**\* Eat in \* Take away \* Party Service \* Enjoy! \***

**Ralph & Co. would like to thank their suppliers for their continued support**

"But you don't have to be Jewish as the saying goes, to enjoy these traditional delicacies," says Ralph. "There are also many other dishes, such as steaks, chicken, pasta, fish, profiteroles and a silky toffee pud-cupboard and a lovely brigade," he adds. Fresh soups made daily on the premises, over-fried, breaded, chicken, jacket potatoes with a choice of great fillings, low calorie salads and high calorie milk shakes and pastries. They can all be found alongside mouthwatering salads and chutneys, several varieties of herring, home made chopped liver and egg and onions, sweet and sour or pickled Scottish salmon, continental salamis and smoked salmon and strudel. new green cucumbers, the finest smoked cooked meats, freshly fried fish and great yoghurt shakes.

**Dining out at the 'deli'.**  
tels, pastas, salads and desserts, guaranteed to make your guests come back for more. "Even if you're a shop or office worker looking for something at lunch time which is freshly made and great value for money, you don't need to look any further," says Ralph. "There's always a home made daily special and our larder rolls at just 90p are a big draw among the locals."

Ralph & Co. is licensed for day to Saturday from 9am-10pm, on Fridays until 3.30pm and from 9am-9.30pm on Sundays. Two new attractions include an American ice cream parlour and live music at lunch time every Sunday. Why not give it a try?

**Very Best Wishes to all at Ralph & Co.**  
Style Seating  
Commercial Road  
March  
Cambridgeshire  
Tel: 0254 30471

**We would like to offer our support to all Ralph & Co's new 'Deli-dine-in'.**  
**Heavenly Beef**  
30-40 Vale Royal,  
London N7  
Tel: 071-599 2295

**We offer continued support to Ralph & Co in their new 'Deli-dine-in' from all at...**  
**Rosenthal Hass & Co.**  
Chartered Accountants,  
22, New Quebec Street,  
London W1H 7DE.  
Tel: 071-723 8844

**We are pleased to offer our support and very best wishes to Ralph & Co in their new venture.**  
**Keyhole Security**  
5 Albany Road,  
Edmonton N18  
Tel: 081-807 2427

**For advice on how to co-ordinate your support feature...**  
CALL:  
JENNY ADDIS  
on 081-531 4141  
extension 285

**RALPH & CO**

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**RALPH & CO**





THIS SECTION IS A SELECTION OF SOUTHGATE SHOTS IN 1993 SHOWING A LARGE NUMBER OF EMPTY AND ALSO CHARITY SHOPS



May 1993



A TOTAL OF 25 BUILDING SOCIETIES  
BANKS AND ESTATE AGENTS.....  
AND 36 EMPTY SHOPS!!







Our chefs



5.30 AM - TABLES & CHAIRS COLLECTED -  
COMPLETION ON RALPH & CO. TODAY Friday 24

Out with Market & Produce Saturday 25

24th March 1995,  
Completion Date

Musical entertainment  
at a surprise party

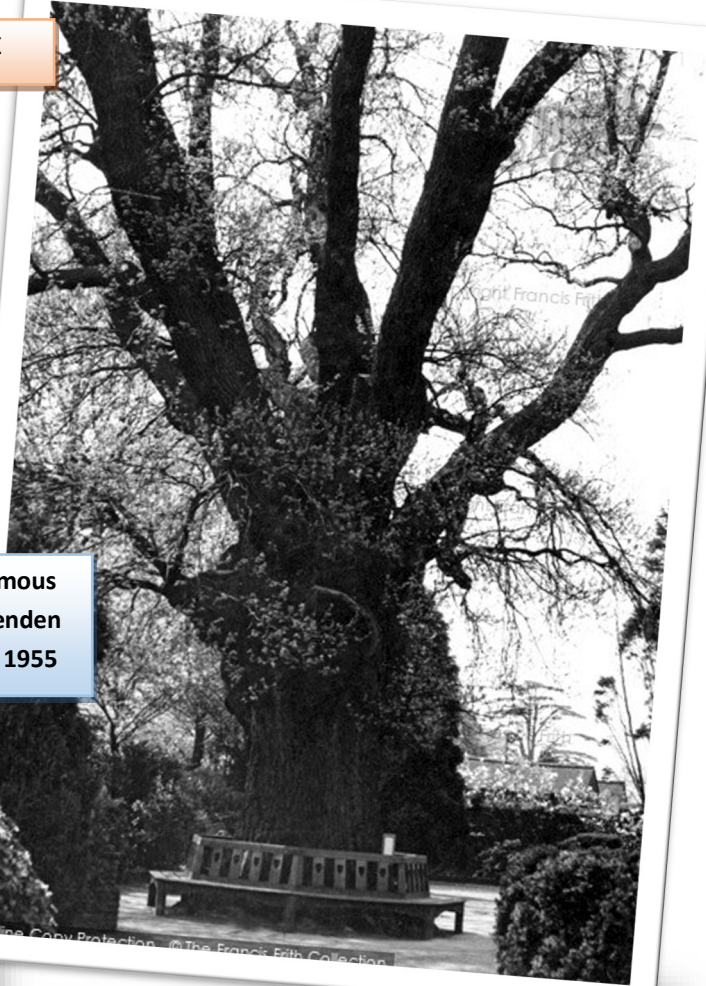






## THE MINCHENDEN OAK

Formerly called The Chandos Oak, it is an ancient pollarded oak tree more than 800 years old. Thought to be a survivor of the ancient Forest of Middlesex, it was reputed in the 19th century to be the largest in England with a girth of over 27 feet. Minchenden Oak Garden was created by Southgate Borough Council as an evergreen Garden of Remembrance and opened in 1934.



The famous Minchenden Oak in 1955



September 2022

A late 18th century view of The Minchenden Oak which was on The Minchenden Estate by Minchenden House since demolished





**RODWINS in SOUTHGATE**

Josie Royce ran Rodwins for 60 years. The shop sold everything as shown below. We had enjoyed this Aladdin's cave with our children for many, many years and I asked Rosie if she minded if I took some photos in the shop before she closed down in December 2018 She smilingly agreed. I then asked her "Can I have you behind the counter"

With a twinkle in her eye she immediately replied ...  
"best offer I've had all day"

**CRAFTS**

Tapestry, Cross Stitch, Crochet, Knitting,  
Dress Fabric,  
Candle Making,  
Ceramic, Glass and Fabric Painting  
Beads, Ribbons, Trimmings,  
Paper, Card and Paints,  
plus many more crafts with accessories.

**DANCE**

Ballet, Tap, Jazz Shoes,  
Leotards, Catsuits, Tights,  
Uniforms for Dance Schools.  
Mail Order available.

**TOYS**

Games and Party Gifts,  
Jokes, Jigsaws, Balloons, Streamers,  
Wigs, Hats, Face Paints.  
Children's Crafts.

**BARCLAYS BANK**

Being very aware of the changing retail face of Southgate, I quickly got 'some shots' in Barclay's Bank before it finally closed its doors







## CHASE SIDE SOUTHGATE



These shots may seem familiar...but all of these shops were demolished

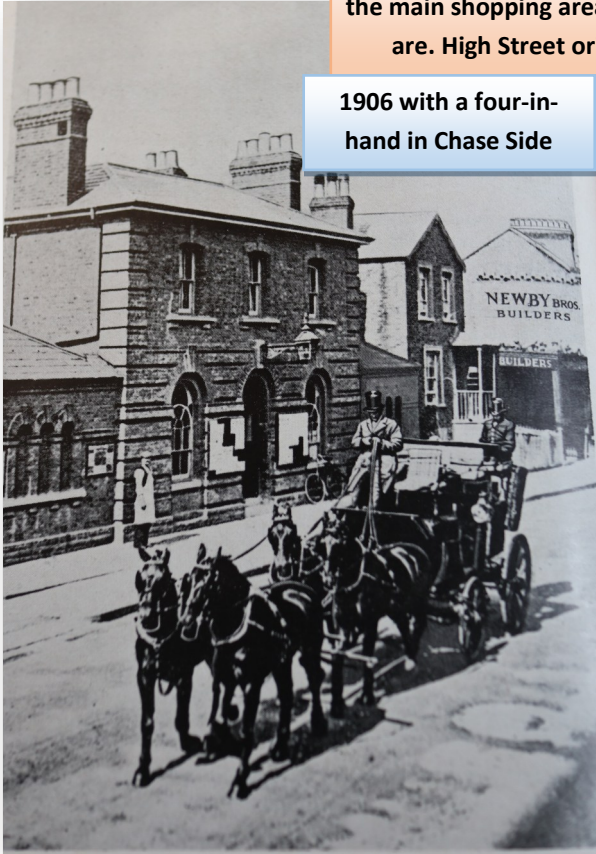


Do you remember now??





As you can imagine I have unearthed a large number of Chase Side shots so they will appear over many pages. Many people get confused with the road names. Chase Side is the main shopping area now and High Street is where the fire station and college/library are. High Street originally had more shops prior to the arrival of the tube station



1906 with a four-in-hand in Chase Side



Hard to believe these are all photos of the same place over many years



Chase Side after a blizzard on January 18th 1881



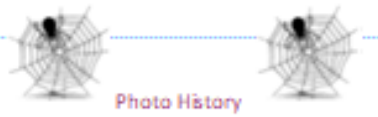
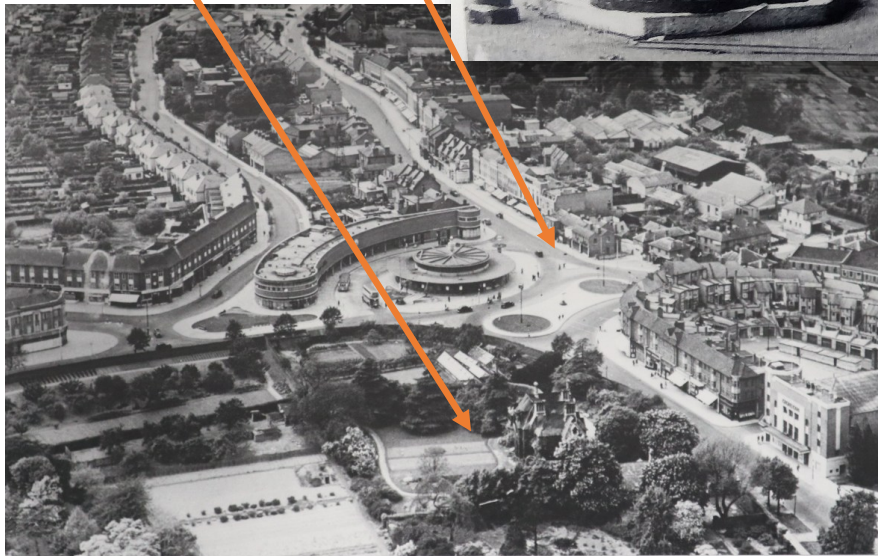


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1925 Roadworks and temporary lights are obviously nothing new

Chase Side

The Grange



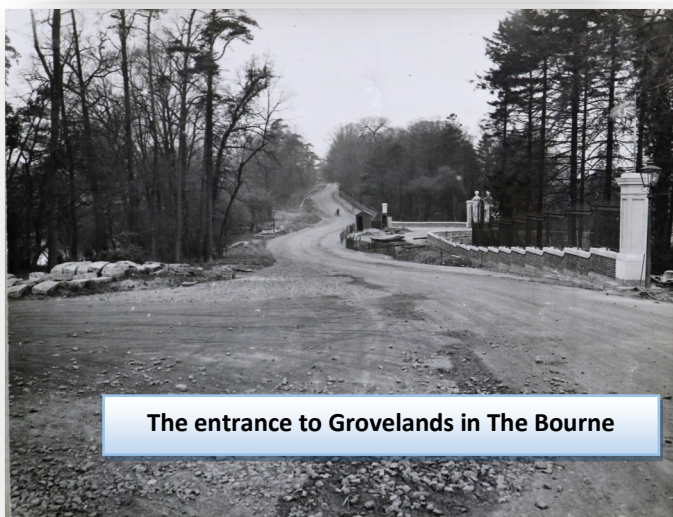
The Bourne



The Bourne



Grovelands entrance now



The entrance to Grovelands in The Bourne



Bourne Hill 1884 (Looking from The Woodman)





LEES STORES , CHASE SIDE SOUTHGATE



Chase Side with Lees  
Stores in 1919





This is one of my favourite photos

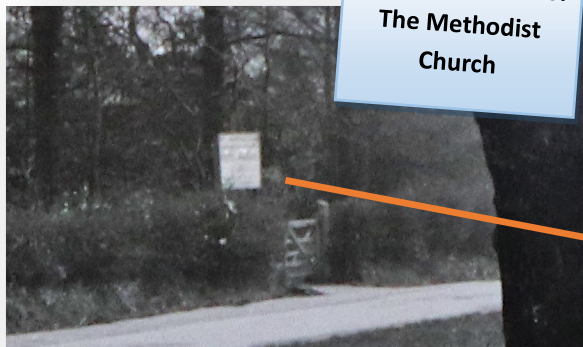
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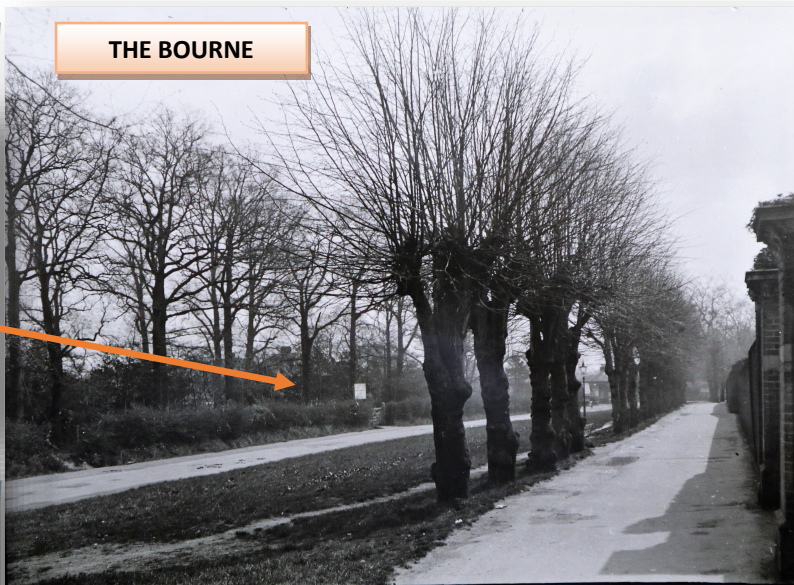




The sign informs of the construction of The Methodist Church



THE BOURNE



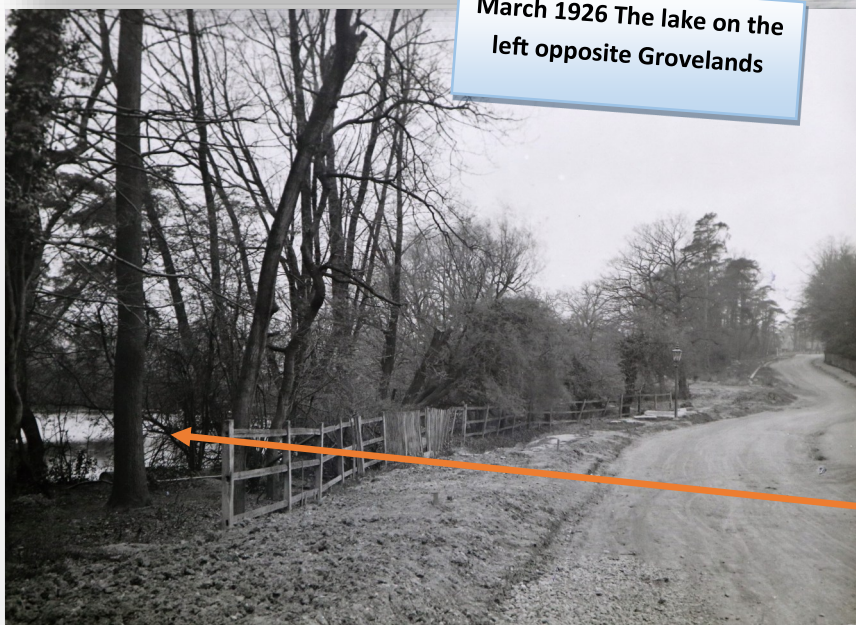
1935 1936. The Bourne from The Lodge (by



The Bourne



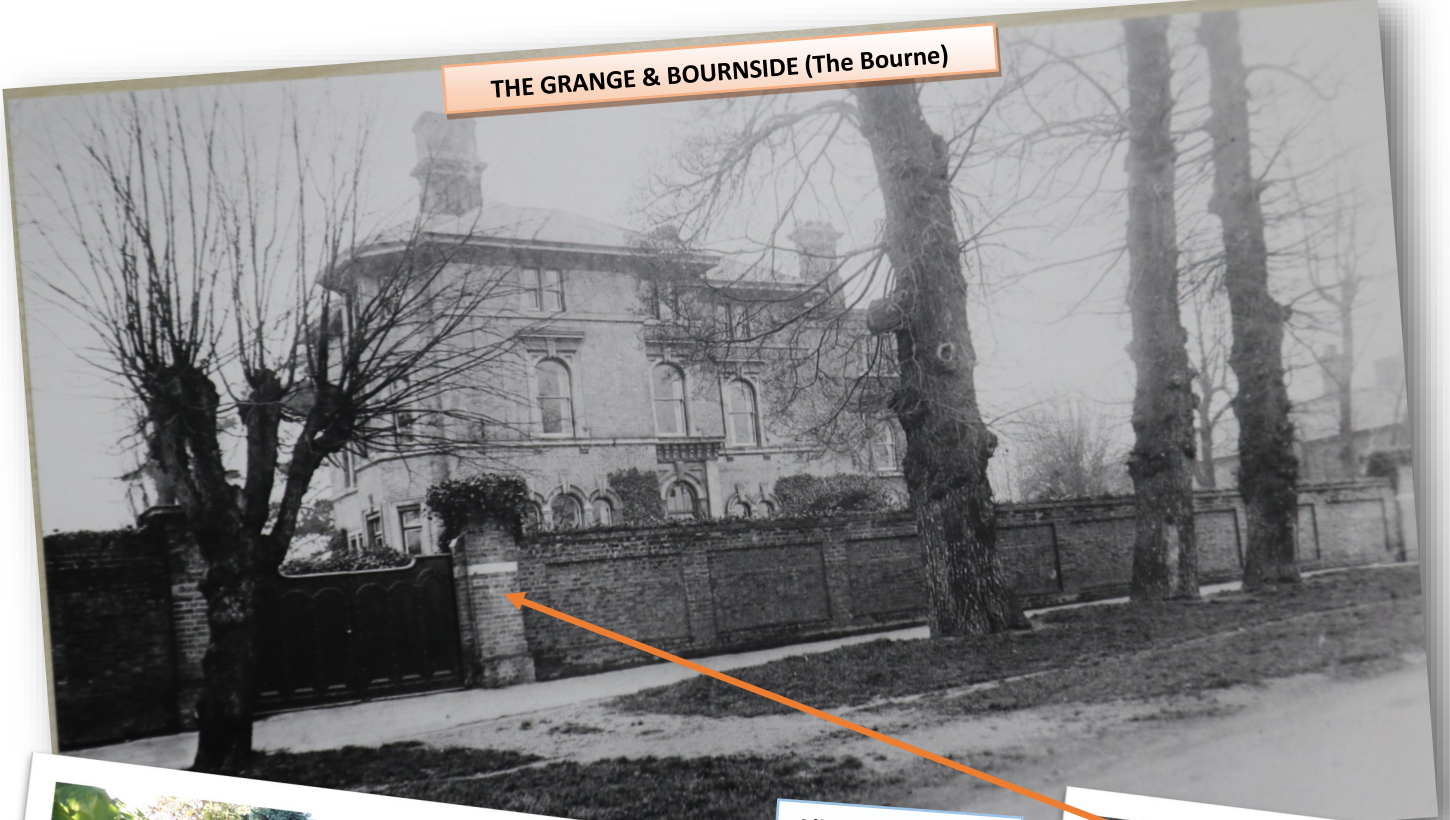
March 1926 The lake on the left opposite Grovelands



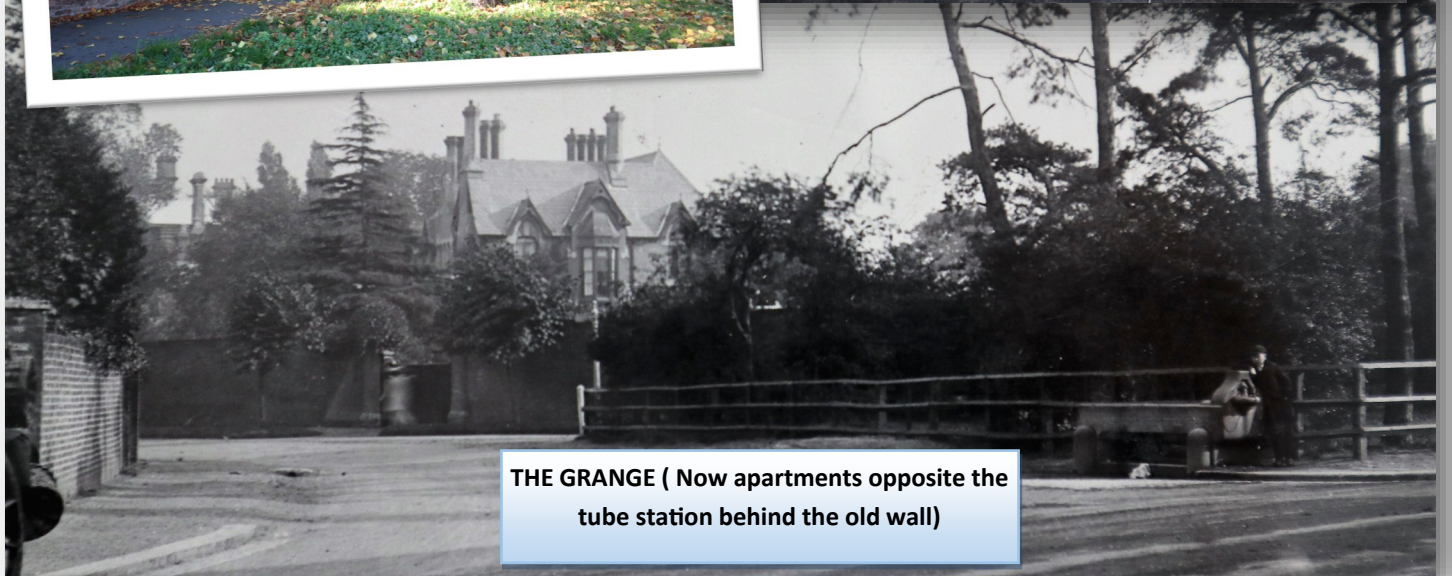
We searched on old maps to see exactly where this lake was as there is no lake now. It seems to be where the allotments are now (opposite Grovelands Park entrance)



THE GRANGE & BOURNSIDE (The Bourne)



All that remains of  
The Bournside  
House is the name  
on the original wall



THE GRANGE ( Now apartments opposite the  
tube station behind the old wall)





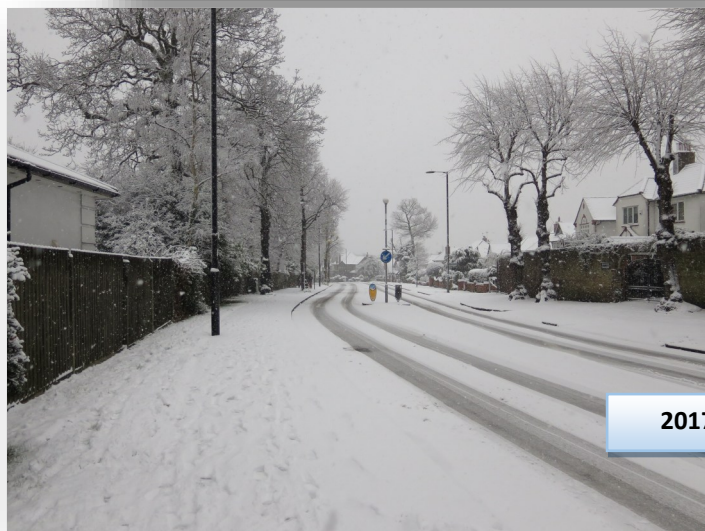
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These two shots are of the construction of the new road (The Bourne) from Winchmore Hill Road to Bourne Hill

### THE BOURNE



But did they anticipate what would follow as shown on the next pages



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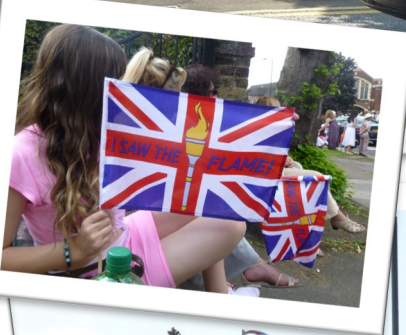






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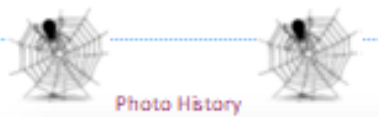
# Rain gardens in Nov '24



It doesn't matter how hard  
one tries, there's always an  
antisocial idiot that will park  
on the new plantings







Parklet in Chase Side



Parklet #1 in Ashfield Parade



Rain Garden in Chase Side



Parklet #2 in Ashfield Parade



Pocket Park in High Street Schools safety briefing



Pocket Park in High Street Schools busy planting



 **Southgate Residents  
(London N14)** ...  
Selwyn Foreman · 7h · 

Some fun public furniture being installed from local wood engraved with the Borough's motto "From the acorn to the oak" in Latin - hope it escapes the graffiti brigade!



 Like  Comment  Send

I helped coordinate the Pocket Park initiative in the High Street and was delighted to present the young pupils from Palmers Green high School with their certificates





## SOUTHGATE GREEN



May Day Festival in 2014  
on Southgate Green



Southgate Leisure Centre flyer-  
due to open Summer 2012



## Southgate Leisure Centre news Issue 1: October 2011

### Southgate Leisure Centre set for exciting re-development this Autumn

We are delighted to be able to confirm the commencement of exciting re-development works at Southgate Leisure Centre which will transform this much loved local leisure facility into a modern, purpose built health and fitness leisure centre to rival any other.



The works set to commence this month will comprise of:

- Large gym with brand new cardiovascular and resistance equipment
- Two new exercise studios maintaining the centres excellent existing programme and adding even more classes
- New reception desk and area for a more improved customer experience
- Brand new café for your post workout refreshments, or a place to relax while your friends or family use the facilities
- Childcare/meeting room facility
- New customer changing rooms
- External landscaping and reconfigured car parking

These redevelopments are scheduled for completion in Summer 2012.

Naturally, a redevelopment of this scale means there will be some temporary reconfiguration of the building to enable you to continue to use all the facilities we offer currently and a little more....

In the next few weeks we will be constructing:

- A new temporary entrance on the left hand side of the building as you approach, adjacent to the car park.
- A temporary gym in the facility basement area to contain some of the existing cardiovascular equipment and an area to accommodate spinning.
- A temporary studio situated to the left side of the building offering the same classes, as current programme. Westgrove School will still be available to support our existing class programme.
- Temporary changing areas offering joined up access to the pool, gym and studios.



The swimming pool and swim programme will be largely unaffected during the works.

### Current membership & offers

We are pleased to announce that our existing members will continue on their current rate for direct deals - 12 annual memberships and if you stay with us you will secure your 2011 rate until 31st December 2012.

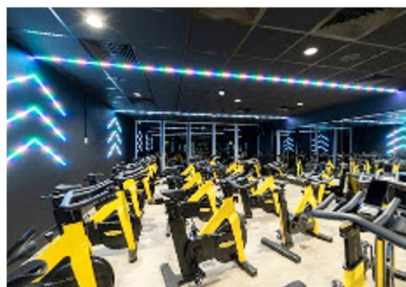
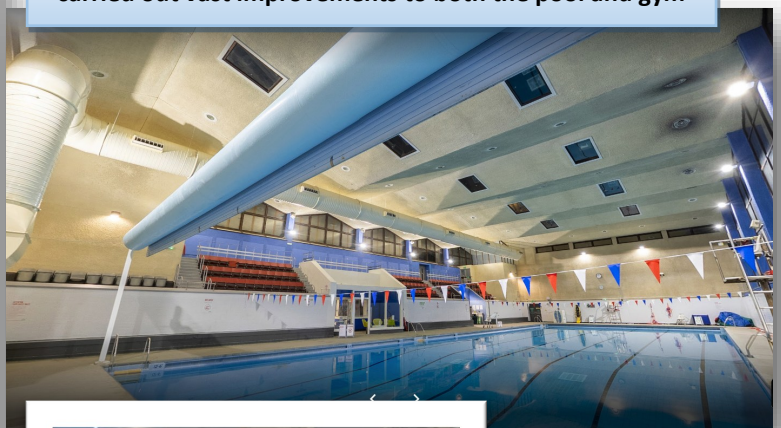
Finally, all new memberships will enjoy NO ADMIN FEE until 31st December 2011.

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Fusion lost the Leisure Centre contract to Better in 2025 and carried out vast improvements to both the pool and gym



My ramblings and  
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